

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 9-12 have been allowed without the necessity of amendments. The Examiner's indication of allowability of these claims is noted with appreciation. Claims 13-15 have been newly added to alternatively define the subject matter of the allowed claims 1-3 so as to round the scope of coverage for the application. As a result, claims 13-15 are believed to be allowable along with claims 1-3 and 9-12.

Claims 4-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the phrase "determining if one of the dual mono channels of one of the audio data streams of the second program corresponds to the one dual mono channel of the one audio data stream of the first program" is indefinite because it is not clear as to what is being compared between the two channels in order to determine whether they correspond to each other. However, the assertion should be withdrawn. As expressly defined in base claim 4, the two channels that are being compared represent (1) "one of the dual mono channels included in one of the audio data streams of the second program" and (2) "the one dual mono channel included in the one audio data stream of the first program." Applicants respectfully submit that there is **no** ambiguity as to how "one of the dual mono channels included in one of the audio data streams of the second program" is being corresponded to "the one dual mono channel included in the one audio data stream of the first program" so as to reproduce "the one dual mono channel included in the one audio data stream of the second program" as currently defined in Applicants' base claim 4. Nevertheless, in the interest of expedition, base claim 4 and its dependent claims 5-8 have been reviewed and revised where necessary to address any question of ambiguities. As amended, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-4 be withdrawn.

Claims 13-15 have been newly added to alternatively define Applicants' disclosed invention over the prior art of record. These claims are believed to be allowable at least for the same reasons as claims 1-3. A fee of \$200 is incurred by the addition of an extra independent claim.

In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at

the Washington DC office at (202) 216-9505 ext. 232.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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